

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of IllinoisJeff McGrawCase Number: 21-800-SMY

(Clerk's Office will provide)

Plaintiff(s)/Petitioner(s)

v.

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983 (State Prisoner)

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 (Federal Prisoner)

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pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C.

§§1346, 2671-2680, or other law

Mary Peeks, Dr. David,Warden Mitchell, ~~unknown nurse~~Wexford Health Sources

Defendant(s)/Respondent(s)

I. JURISDICTION

Plaintiff:

A. Plaintiff's mailing address, register number, and present place of confinement.

P.O. Box 99, Pontiac, IL 61764IDoc# Y38458Pontiac Correctional Center

Defendant #1:

B. Defendant Mary Peeks is employed as

(a) (Name of First Defendant)

Nurse Practitioner

(b) (Position/Title)

with Wexford Health Sources, Inc

(c) (Employer's Name and Address)

501 Holiday Drive, Foster Plaza Four, Pittsburgh, PA 15220At the time the claim(s) alleged this complaint arose, was Defendant #1 employed by the state, local, or federal government? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If your answer is YES, briefly explain:

Defendant #2:

C. Defendant Dr. A. David is employed as

(Name of Second Defendant)

Physician

(Position/Title)

with Wexford Health Sources, 501 Holiday Drive,

(Employer's Name and Address)

Foster Plaza Four, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

At the time the claim(s) alleged in this complaint arose, was Defendant #2 employed by the state, local, or federal government? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you answer is YES, briefly explain:

Additional Defendant(s) (if any):

D. Using the outline set forth above, identify any additional Defendant(s).

Defendant #2: 3

C. Defendant Warden Mitchell is employed as

(Name of Second Defendant)

Warden

(Position/Title)

with Illinois Department of Corrections,

(Employer's Name and Address)

1301 Concordia Court, Springfield, IL 62701

At the time the claim(s) alleged in this complaint arose, was Defendant #2 employed by the state, local, or federal government? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you answer is YES, briefly explain:

Warden Mitchell is employed as the warden at Shawnee Correctional Center, a Facility of the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Additional Defendant(s) (if any):

D. Using the outline set forth above, identify any additional Defendant(s).

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Defendant #2:

C. Defendant Wexford Health Sources is employed as

(Name of Second Defendant)

Private Corporation
(Position/Title)

with 501 Holiday Drive, Foster Plaza Four
(Employer's Name and Address)

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220

At the time the claim(s) alleged in this complaint arose, was Defendant #2 employed by the state, local, or federal government? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If you answer is YES, briefly explain:

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II. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS

A. Have you begun any other lawsuits in state or federal court while you were in prison or jail (during either your current or a previous time in prison or jail), e.g., civil actions brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (state prisoner), 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal prisoner), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346, 2671-2680, or other law? ☐ Yes ☒ No

B. If your answer to "A" is YES, describe each lawsuit in the space below. If there is more than one lawsuit, you must describe the additional lawsuits on another sheet of paper using the same outline. You must list ALL lawsuits in any jurisdiction, including those that resulted in the assessment of a "strike" under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and/or those that were dismissed for being frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim (see 28 U.S.C. § 1915A; 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2); Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6)). FAILURE TO FULLY DISCLOSE YOUR LITIGATION HISTORY, INCLUDING "STRIKES," MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONS THAT INCLUDE DISMISSAL OF THIS ACTION.

1. Parties to previous lawsuits:
Plaintiff(s):

Defendant(s):

2. Court (if federal court, name of the district; if state court, name of the county):

3. Docket number:

4. Name of Judge to whom case was assigned:

5. Type of case (for example: Was it a habeas corpus or civil rights action?):

6. Disposition of case (for example: Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?):

7. Approximate date of filing lawsuit:

8. Approximate date of disposition:
9. Was the case dismissed as being frivolous, malicious, or for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted and/or did the court tell you that you received a "strike?"

III. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. Is there a prisoner grievance procedure in the institution? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- B. Did you present the facts relating to your complaint in the prisoner grievance procedure? ☒ Yes ☐ No

- C. If your answer is YES,
1. What steps did you take?

I completed the grievance process.

2. What was the result?

My grievance was denied at all stages.

- D. If your answer is NO, explain why not.
- E. If there is no prisoner grievance procedure in the institution, did you complain to prison authorities? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- F. If your answer is YES,
1. What steps did you take?

2. What was the result?

- G. If your answer is NO, explain why not.
- H. Attach copies of your request for an administrative remedy and any response you received. If you cannot do so, explain why not:
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IV. STATEMENT OF CLAIM

- A. State here, as briefly as possible, when, where, how, and by whom you feel your constitutional rights were violated. Do not include legal arguments or citations. If you wish to present legal arguments or citations, file a separate memorandum of law. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, number and set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. If your claims relate to prison disciplinary proceedings, attach copies of the disciplinary charges and any disciplinary hearing summary as exhibits. You should also attach any relevant, supporting documentation.

In 2013, I was shot 15 times. I had surgery in 2013 at Christ Hospital in Chicago and Northwestern University Hospital in 2014 to have bullet fragments removed from my bladder. To-date I am currently having difficulty urinating and have chronic pain in my pelvic area and penis. While housed in Cook County Jail, I was continuously being seen for pain in my pelvic area and urinary retention. In 2019, I was seen by a urologist at Cook County Jail. After a CT scan, I was told that there was bullet fragments in my prostate. The urologist gave me the option for surgery now(then) or wait until the fragments traveled to a safe place for removal. The urologist stated that the bullet fragments were causing inflammation in my prostate. I chose the latter option as the urologist further stated that bullet removal from my prostate could cause me to lose the ability to have an erection, a "soft erection" and premature ejaculation. The urologists also diagnosed me as having prostatitis.

IV. STATEMENT OF CLAIM (continued)

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In March of 2020, I began submitting sick call requests at Shawnee Correctional Center for urinary retention, pelvic and penile pain. I was not seen until October or November of 2020. I submitted seven requests before I was seen. At ~~the~~ ^{one of the} visits Mary Peeks gave me a urine test and it is ~~an~~ information and belief that the test will not detect prostate issues nor will it show whether the bladder is functioning properly. Peeks was well aware of my medical issues because we reviewed my medical file during one of the visits. Furthermore Peeks had me sign a medical records release form for records from Christ Hospital and Northwestern. During my visits with Peeks, she was overtly and openly hostile to me. When I took the urine test, I explained my problem to Peeks and that I have had the issues before. Peeks replied that "I don't know what the fuck I'm talking about. Peeks has been rude, unprofessional and always has an attitude. I also informed Peeks that if she looked in my medical file she would see that I have ^{wqs} ~~had~~ diagnosed as having prostatitis, chronic B/E testicular

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Pain. She would see that I have had suprapubic and urethral Foley catheters, acute bacterial prostatitis and I was given cipro 500. Peaks has the ability to refer inmates to see a physician and although she was aware of the problems I was having, she failed to refer me until months after I initially saw her. Peaks even lied and told Warden Mitchell that I was scheduled to see the physician on December 7, 2020. I did not see the physician until the beginning of January. Peaks unnecessarily delayed referring me to see the physician.

On December 4, 2020 I was in healthcare waiting to see Telepsych. I observed Warden Mitchell and I asked to have a word with him. I told him it was an emergency. I told him I was in a lot of pain due to an enlarged prostate and that I wasn't being treated properly. He inquired as to how long had I been in pain. I identified nurse Peaks to him. He asked her what was going on and Peaks stated that she referred me to Dr. David and I was scheduled for December 7, 2020. I did not see Dr. David on December 7, 2020. On December 7, 2020 Wardens Mitchell and Walker were conducting a walk-thru in receiving and I asked Mitchell could I speak with him. I told him I was in extreme pain and I reminded him of our conversation on the 4th.

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I also reminded him of what nurse Peaks told him - that I would be seen on December 7, 2020. He stated that he remembered the conversation. I told him I had not seen the doctor and that I was in pain. He said "Oh, well" and walked off. Warden Mitchell has a duty to ensure that I am receiving medical care. He also has the authority to walk me to healthcare to receive immediate attention.

Once I saw Dr. David, I explained to him all the same things I explained to Peaks. I told Dr. David that I had researched my issues (frequent urination, delay in start to pass urine, weak urine flow, dribbling after urination, feeling that the bladder has not emptied completely) and I may have an enlarged prostate. Dr. David gave me no test or any type of examination to determine the cause of my symptoms. David stated in his response to my grievance that I had no evidence of ^{urinary} ~~urinating~~ retention yet he prescribed medication for urinary retention. These pills have not alleviated my issues. I am still having urinary issues and pain in my pelvis, penis and testicles.

It is on information and belief that Dr. David is a general practitioner and not a urologist. He made the decision

to not refer^{me} to a specialist or urologist without even looking at my medical file. He did not order a CT scan, X ray or MRI to see if I actually had any bullet fragments in my prostate and whether the fragments had moved. If David had viewed my medical file, he would have seen my previous treatments from urologists at Christ Hospital, Northwestern Hospital and the CT scan from the urologist at Cook County Jail (which would have showed the bullet fragments in my prostate.) The prescription pills David gave me do not and will not alleviate my pelvic, penile and testicular pain caused by the bullet fragments in my prostate. Dr. David failed to investigate enough to make an informed judgment. Dr. David also failed to provide treatment for my diagnosed condition (prostatitis).

Wexford Health Sources contracts with IDOC to provide medical care to inmates. Through the actions and inactions of its employees, the following unconstitutional policies and/or customs, written and/or unwritten exist: 1) an inmate

has to see a nurse, who does nothing more than triage, twice before seeing a physician for a serious, diagnosed medical condition(s) which allows pain to linger unnecessarily; 2) physicians, who are general practitioners are able to deny access to specialist without a thorough investigation of inmate medical complaints; 3) inmates with serious, diagnosed medical conditions are delayed treatment in hope that the issue will resolve itself; 4) inmates are routinely denied CT scans, X-rays & MRI's to save money thus physicians have no idea, until something drastic happens, that an inmate has a condition.

State Court Claims

This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the following state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1367:

I reallege and incorporate by reference the previous statement of claim in its entirety.

- All defendants' actions constitute negligence under Illinois law.
- Defendant Wexford's actions/inactions, policy and/or customs constitute corporate negligence under Illinois law.
- Defendants David and Peck's actions/inactions constitute healing art malpractice under Illinois law.

V. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

State exactly what you want this court to do for you. If you are a state or federal prisoner and seek relief which affects the fact or duration of your imprisonment (for example: illegal detention, restoration of good time, expungement of records, or parole), you must file your claim on a habeas corpus form, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241, 2254, or 2255. Copies of these forms are available from the clerk's office.

I am seeking \$1,100,000 in punitive, nominal and compensatory damages individually and collectively from all defendants

VI. JURY DEMAND (check one box below)

The plaintiff ☒ does ☐ does not request a trial by jury.

DECLARATION UNDER FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 11

I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, that this complaint is in full compliance with Rule 11(a) and 11(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The undersigned also recognizes that failure to comply with Rule 11 may result in sanctions.

Signed _____
on: _____ (date)


Signature of Plaintiff

Street Address

Printed Name

City, State, Zip

Prisoner Register Number



Signature of Attorney (if any)



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Jeff McGraw
Name

Y38458
ID Number

Please answer questions as thoroughly as possible and circle yes or no where indicated.

1. Is this a new civil rights complaint or habeas corpus petition? Yes or No

If this is a habeas case, please circle the related statute: 28 U.S.C. 2241 or 28 U.S.C. 2254

2. Is this an Amended Complaint or an Amended Habeas Petition? Yes or No

If yes, please list case number: _____

If yes, but you do not know the case number mark here: _____

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If yes, please list case number: _____

If yes, but you do not know the case number mark here: _____

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42 U.S.C. 1983-Complaint

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Please note that discovery requests and responses are NOT to be filed, and should be forwarded to the attorney(s) of record. Discovery materials sent to the Court will be returned unfiled.